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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois has long been at the forefront of
3 crafting safe driving laws to protect drivers, passengers, and
4 pedestrians; and

5 WHEREAS, The number of Illinois residents who live with a
6 pet has risen significantly in the last 20 years; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of Illinois residents who drive with
8 their pet in the car has also increased; and

9 WHEREAS, A survey by the AAA showed that 84% of pet owners
10 allowed their pets to travel in the car without restraint; and

11 WHEREAS, Modernizing Illinois' distracted driving laws to
12 reflect the travel patterns of Illinois residents with animals
13 in their motor vehicles is in the State's interest in
14 protecting drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and animals;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Safe Driving with Pets Task
19 Force is hereby created, and is charged with the duty to
20 recommend legislation to the General Assembly that protects

1 drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and animals without unduly
2 burdening law enforcement or drivers with unnecessary
3 regulation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House, the President of
5 the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House, and the Minority
6 Leader of the Senate may each appoint 2 members to the Task
7 Force; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a representative of the Department of
9 Transportation and the Illinois State Police serve on the Task
10 Force, and the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee
11 shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation shall
13 provide personnel, office space, and administrative support as
14 needed to fulfill the duties of the Task Force; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That Task Force members shall serve without
17 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
18 necessary expenses if funds allow; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force meetings shall be held at the
20 Call of the Chair; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That at least 2 public meetings shall be held by
2 the Task Force, one in Chicago and one in Springfield; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its
5 recommendations to the Illinois General Assembly by February 1,
6 2013; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 delivered to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation,
9 the Director of the Illinois State Police, and the Secretary of
10 State.